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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BAUM ET AL.

Examiner

Andrew W Wahba

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


KENNETH VANDERPUYE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-4 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Callon et al (US Patent 6,643,287). With regard to claim 1, Callon et al discloses an IP header 305 added to the private network packet 300 to encapsulate (encapsulating the virtual private network packet) the private network packet 300. The header 305 includes a source address portion 307, destination address portion 308 (determining a new layer 3 destination address) (column 7, lines 9-15).

With regard to claim 2, Callon et al further discloses that the high order portion 309 of the source address 307 (source address) is used to specify the encapsulating router (ingress access router) (column 7, line 14-17).

With regard to claim 3, Callon et al further discloses that the destination address 308 includes a high order portion 313 that specifies the decapsulating router (egress access router) (column 7, lines 19-24).

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With regard to claim 4, Callon et al discloses an IP header 305 added to the private network packet 300 to encapsulate (encapsulating the virtual private network packet) the private network packet 300. The header 305 includes a source address portion 307, destination address portion 308 (determining a new layer 3 destination address) (column 7, lines 9-15). It is inherent that encapsulated data would be de-encapsulated and the new destination address determined.

With regard to claim 16, Callon et al discloses an IP header 305 added to the private network packet 300 to encapsulate (encapsulating the virtual private network packet) the private network packet 300. The header 305 includes a source address portion 307, destination address portion 308 (determining a new layer 3 destination address) (column 7, lines 9-15). Callon et al further discloses a hash operation (table) performed on the source and destination address within the encapsulated packet (column 8, lines 24-27).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew W Wahba whose telephone number is (703) 305-4684. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas W Olms can be reached on (703) 305-4703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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Andrew Wahba 

August 19, 2004


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